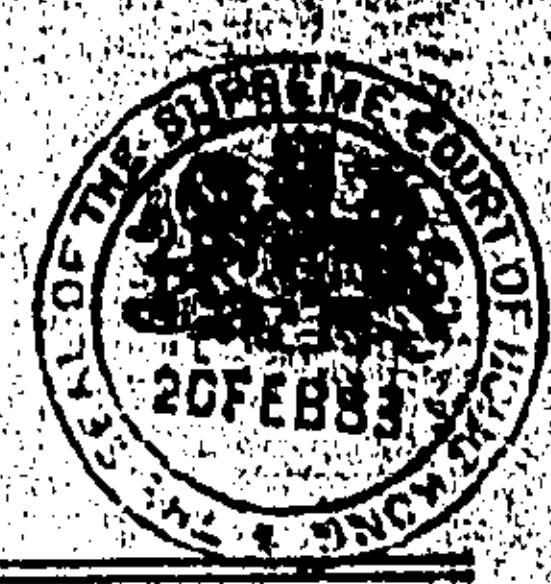


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Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [106]

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HEAD OFFICE,  
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [106]

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [147]

## Intimations.

### WANTED.

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a young man who has had ten years experience in China and Japan. Speaks French, English, German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Salary required. First-class references.

Apply to B. C. A.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [139]

WANTED in KOWLOON: A SMALL HOUSE (desirably preferred) with GARDEN, also COOK, HOUSE-keeper, for a period of 5 to 12 Months.

Address: Dr. A. J. M. INVERARITY,  
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [147]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so liberally bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [102]

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#### TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [118]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

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NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.  
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Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

### Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON of TO-MORROW, the 20th February, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [107]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya, Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th March, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1882.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 7th prox. inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [143]

### LOST.

AT the RACECOURSE on SATURDAY, January 27th, a RACE GLASS. The Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING THE same to

W. M.,

Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [121]

### WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER  
A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE KEEPER Address—

M. E. C.

Care of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [149]

### FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.  
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1883. [18]

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RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.  
The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE, and will be SOLD at BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [112]

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DAVID CORSAN & SONS  
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LONG FLAX CROWN ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1883. [147]

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [147]

## Intimations.

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THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX STEAMSHIP "GLEN EAGLE."

Les Sirenes—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

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ALSO THE FOLLOWING ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.

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Gi! Ugonotti—by Meyerbeer.

Satanella—by Hale.

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Un Ballo in Maschera—by Verdi.

Il Trovatore—by Verdi.

Norma—by Bellini.

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S. MEYERS,  
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Hongkong, 14th February, 18

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to "individual members of the staff."

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1883.

His Honor the Chief Justice and that eccentric impersonation of English law, justice and common sense combined—the worthy jurymen of the *Telegraph* libel case, will doubtless be pleased to hear the latest intelligence concerning their special pet, the deeply injured, greatly maligned, ultra virtuous and most accomplished tragedian DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN. Probably those disinterested champions and defenders of injured innocence, as represented so graphically and with such unaffected simplicity in the Supreme Court of Hongkong last July by the aforesaid DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN—we allude to the leading member of the Hongkong bar, Mr. JNO. J. FRANCIS, and the other satellite in our local legal firmament, Mr. E. MACLEAN, also to the eminent solicitors Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON—whose united efforts combined with the tragedian's sanctimonious whining, and utter disregard of truth, the Judge's evident misconception of the true meaning of the English Libel Act and of the decision of the Privy Council in certain well known appeal cases, and the incomprehensible inconsistency—we do not care to use stronger terms or we should have said arrant stupidity—of the gentlemen of the jury, succeeded in painting one of the meanest and most contemptible rascals that ever degraded an honourable profession, in hues of virgin whiteness, will also rejoice to hear that their old friend and client is still basking in the fierce light of public notoriety.

We regret we cannot truthfully write the eminent one's epitaph, or devote a special paragraph to recital of the many virtues of the dear departed BANDMANN is not dead. His tongue is not yet a stringless instrument; in fact both physically and professionally he is very much alive, but he has abandoned his old habit of kicking, having found that pastime an expensive and the reverse of an agreeable one. A short time ago we had to record that this greatest of all living or dead tragedians and liars, the incomparable genius who mastered the English language in six weeks and whose plausible audacity so cruelly imposed on Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO and an intelligent jury, had made a complete *faute* in Bombay by getting into such serious trouble in the law courts and elsewhere, with the press, the public and the members of his company, that his theatrical season re-

sulted in a crushing financial failure. Hunted out of Bombay by the loud voice of public opinion, Shakespeare's friend and patron took himself and company to Calcutta, where a year ago he had carried the theatre-going public of the City of Palaces by storm, and amassed, by means not altogether creditable, a small fortune. Confident that the superb impudence, which the ignorant mistake for talent, would again prove irresistible with a people who cannot exist without amusements, BANDMANN opened with an unusually grand blaze of trumpets. And then he quickly found the truth of the old Latin proverb—*tempora mutantur et nos mutantur in ills.* Two dramatic companies of a higher calibre than "Trumpetblower's" scarecrows were already popular in the city; Wilson's world renowned circus attracted large audiences—and BANDMANN's evil reputation and true character had preceded him, with the inevitable result that the "BANDMANN—Beaudet Combination" had the melancholy pleasure of wasting the fragrance of their dramatic sweetness on long continued and oft-repeated beggarly arrays of empty benches. DANIEL played his trump card Beaudet—so far as this fair charmer is concerned BANDMANN can say with ROSALIND:—

"And whereso we went, like Juno's swans  
Still went coupled and inseparable."

but it failed to draw when opposed to the dashing POMEROV, and then the tragedian grew desperate. He quarrelled with his actors and actresses, vilified the newspapers, and abused and blackguarded the public because they withheld their support. We prefer allowing our Calcutta contemporaries to tell the rest.

Says the Indian World of the 27th ulto:—

"The Bandmann 'Combination' at the Opera House still struggles on, but perhaps the greatest entertainment of the week has been Herr Bandmann's appearance at the Police Court. He had arranged to prosecute a native for being in possession of forged certificates of character, but a sudden and apparently unlooked for engagement in the benighted regions of Madras, urged him to express a wish to withdraw from the prosecution. The Magistrate couldn't exactly see, in and adjourned the application. Mr. Bandmann has made several successful appearances at the Police Court, so many, in fact, that it has grown quite monotonous. In the *Englishman* of the 27th instant, certain members of the Company regret that their stay in Calcutta will not permit them prosecuting the *Ente Acte* for libel. What a fiasco and storm in a tea-cup! We should have thought that the "Combination" would have been glad to quit Calcutta as quickly as possible, and not in the midst of blue fire and cat calls from the gallery. Mr. Bandmann's "season" has not been a success, and, as a lucrative speculation, we would suggest his "cession" to the ranks of the Salvation Army, where his versatile talent would no doubt be more justly appreciated."

The *Indian Daily News* of January 29th deals with the mighty exponent of the tragic muse under the heading "Herr BANDMANN's Farewell" as follows:—

"The great Bandmann combination snuffed itself out, as far at least as Calcutta is concerned, on Saturday night, and we are pleased to say that it was our good fortune to be represented on the auspicious occasion. The audience was not by any means a numerous one, but it was exceptionally sympathetic, though not at all of the ordinary Calcutta theatre-going type. There were no bills available. Of the play itself we can say little: it was rather flat in its effect, and gives one the idea on reflection that the performers pretty well knew that a subsequent scene would be much more interestingly effective. Whatever Herr Bandmann is, he is not usually tame and careless; and yet his Richard had both these faults on Saturday. He gabbed over his dialogue, as a pious Hindoo says his prayers, and was positively weak in some of the most striking situations. We know now that his mind must have been intensely preoccupied. Miss Beaudet doubled "Lady Ann" and the young "Prince Edward" and was, especially in the latter part, really satisfactory. Mr. Glover as "King Henry" deserved a good deal more applause than he obtained. It is to be regretted that a capable actor, such as he is, should be led to an impossible situation. Miss Elsie Blaize was a careful "Lady Elizabeth," although her voice ran occasionally a little too much to monotone."

At the end of the fourth act Herr Bandmann came before the curtain in response to a call. He explained that as the next act was a long one, and as the audience would probably wish to go straight home, he preferred addressing them then to doing so later. He was very well treated when here last year with a wretched company, so wretched that except for Miss Beaudet, and perhaps one other, they were not fit to appear on the stage. (A foreign gentleman in the stalls remarked at this point that Mr. Bandmann was a victim.) This year, the address proceeded, Mrs. Bandmann had travelled from Germany to London, and had selected a first-class company and home had been treated. Deliberate and mean malice had kept him out of the other two theatres, and he had been obliged to take the Opera House which he had found in a miserable condition, and had had to repair it at a cost of Rs. 1,000. He had to pay Rs. 1,500 for a month's rent, and extra Rs. 250 to cancel the agreement for a second month, so that altogether five weeks at the Opera House had cost him Rs. 1,750.

He was deserted by Calcutta, when last year he was made a god of, and he wanted to know why he was this year when he had a good company—deserted? He begged them, not to think it was the press—that miserably weak thing, the press of Calcutta. He had travelled from Berlin to London, New York, &c., and knew what journalism was. He was not going to say anything against the press of Calcutta. He had his reasons, which would prove, if he chose, that he had had to deal with a malignant press. The Calcutta press was the weakest, meanest, and most ignorant in the world (Mr. Bandmann used many more adjectives which we really cannot recollect, except that they were all very "grave words," and were repeated in several interlocking combinations). The Editor of the *Indian Daily News* had positively told him that he could wait fifteen years for a revenge!!! "Now, gentlemen, is that; I ask you journalism?" No, it was not; it was mean and malignant spite. Here the aforementioned foreign gentleman arose in his stall, and insisted on addressing the audience. The services of the press, the public and the members of his company, that his theatrical season re-

was shortly afterwards discovered that he was an ardent sympathiser of Herr Bandmann's, and so he was allowed to return.] Mr. Bandmann then reiterated his opinion of the press several times, and said that if you went all over Calcutta with a lantern, like Diogenes, you would not find one journalist. (Loud applause.)

After more adjectives Mr. Bandmann said it was a bitter, bitter trial, and became complicitary to the native nobility, for a body called "the Mahrani's" had appreciated him. His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar was a gentleman and a scholar. His Highness of Durbhang was something else, we forget what, and "The Prince of Nepal" which, we believe, General Jeet Jung, deserved his best thanks. He concluded by saying that he should never come to Calcutta any more; but that he should be happy to see his audience in London, New York, San-Francisco, Melbourne, and a number of other places.

The house applauded frantically, intimating,

we fancy, its readiness to go anywhere if expenses were paid, and free stalls or boxes provided.

The manner and matter of this interesting address leads us to fear that the "malignant press" had much to answer for. If the balance of Mr. Bandmann's mind is not affected, we can only suggest that he will be an acquisition to our Madras friends, where his wealth and "magic power" of epithet may be of the utmost service to the *Madras Times*, as a counter-irritant to the Governor's campaigns.

Quem deus vult perdere, prius dementat.

The *Statesman* and *Friend of India* also found space in its issue of the 29th ulto, to devote to the author of "Dragie Bower," Our contemporary's report speaks for itself and is as follows:—

"On Friday last Herr Bandmann and Company appeared at the National Theatre in the 'Merchant of Venice.' All went off smoothly till the end of the third act. The curtain fell, the orchestra struck up; ten, fifteen minutes, half-an-hour passed away; yet there was no raising of the curtain. The music stopped at length, the audience grew impatient, and wondered what could be the reason of this most unwarrantable delay. Some went away disgusted. After an hour was passed in this way, when the manager of the theatre stood up on a seat among the audience, and informed them that an altercation between Mr. Bandmann and the

theatre company had been the cause of the delay. The company had engaged Mr. Bandmann and his troupe, the manager proceeded to say, to play in their theatre that night for Rs. 200, which amount they had already given him,—the whole of it, as might be seen from Mr. Bandmann's receipt which he held in his hand, and this was read aloud before the audience. Very strangely, however, he now demanded another 25 rupees over and above the stipulated sum, otherwise he said he would not proceed any further with the play. The manager said that the theatre company had been obliged, under the circumstances, to satisfy the additional demand, however unreasonable and arbitrary it might be. But they were afraid lest Mr. Bandmann should claim another Rs. 25 to play the fifth and the last act. The audience, owing to the detention and the proof of the unjustifiable behaviour of Mr. Bandmann, became very indignant and vociferated that he not only acted Shylock, but seemed to be the veritable Shylock, by nature, and so forth. At this interesting stage, Mr. Bandmann, in the Shylock's dress with grey hair, wrinkled brow and stooping gait, appeared on the stage in front of the drop scene with that erratic genius, Miss Beaudet, dressed half as Portia and half as the learned doctor from Padua, by his side. He said that he was very sorry for detaining the audience so long; that to the native gentlemen, of which the audience was entirely composed, he was very much obliged for the encouragement he had always received at their hands. Their detention, he said, was owing to the fact of his having taken precautionary measures, lest he should suffer again peculiarly elsewhere on a previous occasion. He begged the pardon of the audience for inconveniencing them, and promising to proceed with the play, disappeared with his companion behind the curtain amid a tremendous uproar. Immediately after him, a member of the theatre company came forward to protest against the insinuations of dishonesty, &c., that Mr. Bandmann had thought fit to make with regard to themselves without any cause, and to denounce his conduct. After this, the play proceeded."

As we may possibly have some further references to make regarding "the modern Shylock" and his recent proceedings, in a future issue, we content ourselves at present with simply commanding the above reports from the leading newspapers in the first city in Asia, to the careful consideration of those persons in high places who are paid by the colony to dispense justice.

TELEGRAMS.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 16th.—Parliament was opened to-day by Royal Commission. The Queen's speech stated that the relations with all foreign powers were friendly, that tranquillity was restored in Egypt, that the withdrawal of the British troops was proceeding expeditiously, and that the existence of secret societies in Ireland demands the utmost vigilance of the executive; enumerates the principal measures for the session, including the amendment of the ballot, the Patent and Bankruptcy laws, and the consideration of Compensation to tenants in England and Scotland for improvements.

February 17th.—PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

The House of Lords voted the address in reply to the speech from the throne, after a long debate. The House of Commons has adjourned the debate on the address in reply to the Royal speech until the introduction of a bill announced by Lord Hartington allowing affirmation; the Conservatives are obstructing.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1883.  
DEATH OF EX-REGENT SOMDEITCH A CROW PHYA BOROM MOHA SRI SURIWONGSE OF SIAM.

Heads of Departments are informed that information having been received of the decease of His Highness Somdeitch Chow Phya Borom Moha Sri Suriwongse, ex-Regent of Siam. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that all flags be flown half-mast, and the guns fired a salute of twenty-one rounds in the Government buildings, the day of his decease.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A REGULAR Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, will be held to-night, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

A NEW sacred opera, *Salamith*, by Anton Rubinstein, is to be produced at Hamburg.

THE regulations for the traffic in the Queen's Road on race-days are published in the *Government Gazette*.

THE German steamer *Anton* went round to Aberdeen Docks, and the *Bowen* undocked there this morning.

THE two direct Indian Mails, with the second opium sales, left Calcutta, for Hongkong, on Saturday last, the 17th instant.

In re racing affairs we learn that Mr. Henry has scratched White Knight, Foxhound and Rienzi for all engagements at the forthcoming Hongkong Meeting.

THE performance of "La Traviata" announced to take place on Wednesday evening for the benefit of Signor Lubicei, and Signor Cattaneo has been indefinitely postponed.

WE learn, says the Amoy *Gazette* of the 6th instant, that the Masonic fraternity at this port will go into mourning for one month, out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. J. Gratton Cass who, in the past, held office in both the Ionic and Corinthian Lodges. The Masonic Ball will therefore be postponed until some time in March.

WE learn from Calcutta that Herr Bandmann, after a most disastrous financial season in the City of Palaces, has left in disgust for Madras, from whence he intends journeying to Rangoon and thence to Singapore. From the last named port "Trumpet-blower" will doubtless proceed to Melbourne, as he had more than enough of China last year. In Calcutta the newspapers declined to publish his advertisements, and we understand that "the blighted tragedian" attributes his great failure, to what he is pleased to term the malicious opposition of the press. A crop of sensational libel actions were threatened; but as the *Her* fuked the business at last, they came to nothing.

WE take the following from the *Times of India*:—Mr. Justice Keman, of the Madras High Court, has peculiar ideas about the requirements of the weaker sex. The other day he ventured, from his seat on the Bench, to say that young ladies ought to wear their dresses at least three years, and he seems to think that husbands are even less necessary to them than new frocks.

During the hearing of the case of Adam v. Pooley a few weeks ago, that lady's counsel had occasion to remark that "much had been said about his client having a home and every comfort with the Pooley, and that her happiness was completed, only that she had no husband;" whereupon Mr. Justice Keman observed, "She is much happier without one!" How can his lordship possibly know that?

THE members of the Italian Opera Company gave a performance of Pacini's celebrated opera "Safio" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Saturday night, for the benefit of Maestro Gore and Signor Arigoni. Owing to counter attractions the audience was a poor one, probably the smallest of the season. However, the opera was admirably rendered, the representation generally reflecting great credit on the whole of the *artistes* engaged. A special feature of the entertainment was the performance on the pianoforte by Signor Gore of Korsi's "Le Reveil du Lion" and Thalberg's variations on "La Priere du Moise." Signor Gore is a splendid player, and his fine execution of these two grand *mezzos* excelled in every particular all previous efforts. The player was very warmly received, and most enthusiastically applauded. A dual encore was insisted on, the *artistes* very good naturally according to the demonstrative request of the delighted audience. We are exceedingly sorry that the attendance was such a thin one; but under all circumstances a lack of public support at this particular time could scarcely be regarded as surprising. A performance of "La Traviata" is announced to take place on Wednesday night for the joint benefit of Signor Lubicei and Signor Cattaneo. For their own sakes we trust the *bluffdaires* will see their way to postponing the affair until after the races for reasons which are too clearly apparent to require further reference.

TRAINING NOTES.

Nearly the whole of the ponies in training were down at the racetrack on Sunday morning, but several strings were sent home without being exercised. A fair number of sportsmen then turned up, and a good deal of dissatisfaction was openly expressed on account of Taylor having omitted to provide the usual supply of tea, coffee, &c. Surely there should be no room for such complaints! It is absolutely necessary that the ponies should be exercised on the Sunday preceding the races, and on this account the usual provision should be made for the subscribers to the coffee fund. After some trouble, a decoction misnamed "tea" was ultimately produced, which had the unpleasant effect of making every person sick who was weak.

Montehermosa was sent over the Wong-ni-tung course, and won easily. Cobnut, a half-bred, was ridden by Mr. Coxon, who will have the mount, in 67 seconds, the pony striding along in capital form. Prejudice accompanied by Sunnis strode along for a mile and a half in 3:47 covering the last quarter in 32 seconds, going easily. Rose did not display his best form in a mile gallop, the clocks registering 3:47, 1:53, and 2:26. Matricato and Strathaird galloped together at a slow pace.

Opal and Lavender were "powed" in company for a mile and a quarter. The first-named made the whole of the running, and having his companion dead set, three jockeys from home won easily by six lengths—times, 3:2, 67, 1:42, 2:21, and 2:50. Dalmatian's mile and a half, 2:49, was not a particularly brilliant exhibition; but the "Tallyman" in 3:1, 68, 2:42, 1:57, and 2:53, and 3:0 for the same distance apparently satisfied the followers of the St. Andrew line and silver, the more especially as the pony went on as far as the Black Rock before Mr. Allan could pull him up. "Gang Forward" ran a wonderful course, a six furlongs spin (time 1:40) deliberately refusing to gallop when called upon inside the distance. Montehermosa was sent over the Wong-ni-tung course, and won easily. Cobnut, a half-bred, was ridden by Mr. Coxon, who will have the mount, in 67 seconds, the pony striding along in capital form. Prejudice accompanied by Sunnis strode along for a mile and a half in 3:47, covering the last quarter in 32 seconds, going easily. Rose did not display his best form in a mile gallop, the clocks registering 3:47, 1:53, and 2:26. Matricato and Strathaird galloped together at a slow pace.

Several of Mr. Gordon's ponies were turned on the course at 10 o'clock. Highland Fling and Puffin were sent along the Wong-ni-tung course, and won easily. Cobnut, a half-bred, was ridden by Mr. Coxon, who will have the mount, in 67 seconds, the pony striding along in capital form. Prejudice accompanied by Sunnis strode along for a mile and a half in 3:47, covering the last quarter in 32 seconds, going easily. Rose did not display his best form in a mile gallop, the clocks registering 3:47, 1:53, and 2:26. Matricato and Strathaird galloped together at a slow pace.

AMOY.

The U. S. S. *Monocacy*, Commander Chas. S. Cough, arrived to-day (Jan. 5th) from Nagasaki. We regret to state that the Norwegian barque *Henrik Ibsen* which left Amoy on the 29th ultimo for Taiwanfu, struck on Sable Island (Pescadores) in thick weather, on the evening of the 20th and became soon a total loss. The Captain and crew only saved their naked lives and arrived here to-day in the Revenue Cruiser *Fel Hoa*.

The sad, and most unexpected death of Mr. J. Gratton Cass yesterday morning, the 4th inst., has plunged the whole community into mourning, and has caused a more profound sensation than can well be remembered by anyone.

Mr. Cass rose yesterday as usual, and seemed to his friends in excellent health and spirits. Between 9 and 10 he was seized with an attack in the heart, and expired before any assistance could arrive.

The shock has come upon us so suddenly it is almost impossible to believe that one so well known and valued has been taken away, and it will be long before the community can fully realize the loss.

To his own more immediate and intimate friends' grief is extreme, and even to those who knew him less the blow has been most saddening; for Mr. Cass had not only for many years been a prominent figure amongst us, but his amiable disposition and kindly manner secured him friends amongst, and endeared him to all he came in contact with. The head of a leading firm of merchants; quick, intelligent, and a first rate man of business; always ready to take an active part in any question which concerned the welfare of the community, and in any amusements which might be going on; kind and generous to all who sought his assistance; a hospitable and genial host, and a fast friend, he was always extremely popular, and it may be said of him with truth that we could well have spared a better man.

The funeral this morning was attended by the entire community, and the service most impressively read by the Rev. Dr. Macgowan—*Gazette*.

FOOCHOW.

H.M.S. *Kestrel* arrived at Foochow on Tuesday last, and took up her usual position, opposite the Custom House. We understand that her visit will be of short duration.

From the appearance of the surrounding country, we fear that the extraordinary, and almost unprecedented, severe weather which prevailed during the latter part of last week, will seriously affect agriculture. The desired rain, after the long drought, had just nicely started the young crops, when the cold spell which fell during the night of Friday, and was succeeded by a sharp frost, occasioned considerable damage to the unprotected cereals. The orange groves do not appear to have suffered to any great extent; in fact the greater portion of the fruit had been gathered.

The trees are now being stripped of the residue to prevent them bursting, which is always the consequence after a frost preceded by rain. We understand that this year's harvest has been wonderfully prolific, and this is fully borne out by the appearance of the bowed down trees, which take some time to recover erectness after bearing the golden load.—*Herold*.

SHANGHAI.

We hear that the China Merchants' S. N. Co. has given orders that all their employés ashore and abroad must walk up to the company's doctor and get vaccinated.

We are informed that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has by wire ordered the British Consul here to notify the Chinese authorities that the Eastern Extension Cable is to be landed forthwith, and should the Chinese obstruct this will do so at their peril. We understand that the British Consul has instructions to carry matters through without delay.

It is our painful duty to chronicle the saddest case on record in the history of the foreign settlements of Shanghai; a universal feeling of regret prevails throughout the foreign community, and will be echoed in all the treaty ports. Mr. R. P. Hunter, who has for some six or seven years been a clerk in the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., died at the General Hospital last night, after three days terrible suffering from that most terrible of all diseases—hydrocephalus. He had been bitten in the hand by an English terrier between two and three months ago. He was preparing to go home on twelve months' leave; in the end of last week he was in high spirits and apparently sound health, and cheerfully spoke of his home trip; on Sunday morning he was on board a steamer bidding good-bye to friends leaving port; as he expected to leave by the next mail himself; but that same afternoon he took ill and was removed to the hospital in the evening. His sufferings there are too painful to relate; the hopelessly fatal disease worked its course, alternating madness and lucid intervals, till death brought the only relief. His illness became known to the public on Monday, and during that day and yesterday, the first question on everybody's lips was to ask for his welfare. He was so well liked by everyone who knew him, and his fate is so tragic that it affected the whole community. Mr. Hunter was a prominent member of the Shanghai Rowing Club, and many a time has pulled over the course on the Soochow Creek at the regattas, and frequently won single sculling races. He was also a very active member of the "Victoria" No. 8 Company of the Fire Brigade, and no further gone than last Friday night, at the fire on the French Concession, he was there and amongst the foremost as usual. He was also a member of No. 1 Co. S. V.C. Deceased was 30 years of age, born in Virginia, and his father, Mr. W. C. Hunter, late of Canton, and author of "The Fan Kwae of Canton," now resides in Paris. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock at the New Cemetery.—*Mercury*.

Dean Butcher writes to say that he has finally resigned his connection with Trinity Cathedral.

A foreigner in the Settlements has discovered a lotion which will instantaneously alleviate the pains of gout. The decoction consists of a Chinese root called *Hsing-tu-tze* which the natives use for drying purposes. This is mixed with the white of an egg and diluted alcohol and applied externally. We learn that a foreign medical gentleman is experimenting with it.

The Naval Court to inquire into the loss of the steamer *W. S. C. Scott* will be held at the British Vice Consul's office at 10 a.m. to-morrow the 19th instant. The Court will be composed of Mr. B. C. G. Scott, H.M.S. Vice-Consul, President, and Captain Worley, of the *Sherard Groom*, Captain Symons, F. and C. steamer *Amo*, and an officer belonging to H.M.S. *Chloris* as Assessors.

We hear that Messrs. Farnham and Co. have obtained the tender for the construction of a new steamer for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. The new vessel is intended for the Yangtze trade, but will be larger than those now running in connection with the company, and considerably larger than the *Amo*. The steamer will be built at Hankow.

FRANCE AND TONQUIN.

When the last English mail left London the much talked of French expedition would appear to have been at least temporarily abandoned. The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* says—

"The abandonment of the expedition to Tong King, for that is the meaning of the announcement that it is suspended, till reports come from Commander Rivière, is a direct consequence of M. Gambetta's death. Commander Rivière was an intimate friend of a lady whose name is now in all the papers, and who persuaded M. Gambetta to prompt the Government to make a foray in Tong King."

The Chamber of Commerce of Paris has just pronounced in favour of the establishment of a serious and definitive protectorate over Tong King. At its last meeting it was decided that a deputation should wait on the Minister of Foreign Affairs, with a pressing appeal pointing out the immense advantages to be derived for French commerce by the establishment of a French protectorate. It is stated in a letter just received from Haiphong, Tong King, that since the news has been spread about that no expedition will be sent to Tong King the insolence of the Annamite Mandarins has become insupportable. It concludes, "Our prestige here is lost if the season is allowed to pass without reinforcements being sent out."

The *Temps* has published another letter from its correspondent at Hanoi, who writes—

"Although the two Chinese army corps have withdrawn from Tong King they have left small garrisons in several of the towns and villages situated in the north of the province. Meanwhile the Governor of Cochinchina, M. Le Myre de Villiers, who is about to be superseded by M. Thompson, has given Commandant Rivière instructions to the effect that, as the French Government cannot tolerate the meddling of the Chinese or their agents in its affairs in Tong King, he must henceforth treat as avowed enemies all Asiatics who may impede French operations, whatever their character may be. Any one who may be found wearing a uniform of the Chinese army must be at once arrested and sent to Saigon. The Commandant is recommended to take these men prisoners, and not to shoot them except in the event of their offering a vigorous resistance. As for the black flags, or pirates, as they are out of the pale of international law, there is no reason why they should receive the same mild treatment. Commandant Rivière has deemed it right to communicate the tenor of his instructions to the native authorities, with the object of thus effecting its transmission to the ears of the Chinese Generals. But this step seems to have already led to some difficulties, collisions having occurred between the Chinese and French at Hanoi."

EVERY MAN HIS OWN LAWYER.

Sir Richard Temple Rennie, the new Chief Justice of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court in China and Japan, sat on the bench for the first time in Shanghai on Wednesday morning, the 14th inst. The occasion was the annual revision of the Jury List when an opportunity is offered to anyone to come forward and show cause why his name should not be included in the list of loyal and registered British subjects who are prepared to devote their time and attention to Coroners' inquests or trials by jury.

The Court presented a desolated aspect.

Samples of "old lion canuts" still lay about the counsels' table—relics of the cause célèbre heard in November last. Three reporters were present, eager to get something to do. The general public were absent.

Mr. Henry Evans, of Monk Sherbourne, appeared with a law book under his arm, and took his seat behind the Counsels' table.

When the Chief Justice had taken his seat on the bench,

Mr. M. Jones, Clerk of Court, asked Mr. Evans if he had any objection to make to his name being placed in the Jury List for 1883.

Mr. Evans—Yes, I am over 69 years of age.

His Lordship—I don't find that that is any reason for exempting you, Mr. Evans.

The Order in Council, Rule 27, gives the exceptions, but it does not say anything about age. If your ground for objection was that you were afflicted with mental or bodily infirmity, then we might consider it.

Mr. Evans—There's an Act of Parliament exempting people who are under 21 and over 60 years of age.

His Lordship—What is that Act?

I find no allusion to it here.

Mr. Evans—It is the Act 6 George IV, chap.

50, which provides that a man between the age of 21 and 60 has to serve on a jury of the county in which he resides; but over 60 years it is not so.

His Lordship—What book have you got there?

Mr. Evans—This is "Every Man His Own Lawyer."

His Lordship—Ah, an excellent book! Give it to me, please. (The book was then handed to his Lordship, who looked up the quotation and remarked)—That is the only ground on which you claim exemption?

Mr. Evans—I may also say I am very often afflicted with gout, and am unable to get out.

His Lordship—That would apply to a particular case on which you were called, but it would not be a general disqualification for you.

If you are afflicted with any permanent mental or bodily infirmity, that would do.

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